

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OF

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May Allah have mercy on him

MUJAHID LEADER OF KASHMIRI MUSLIMS

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NGH: Asalamu Alaikum warahmatullahi warabaaqatuhu

Ameer Zakir Musa: Walaikum Asalam warahmatullahi wabaraqatuhu

NGH: Tell us about the Jihad in Kashmir.

Ameer Zakir Musa: Kashmir is one of the oldest Jihadi movements going on in world. Perhaps, Kashmir, Palestine and Chechenya are the only fronts of Jihad where Jihad has continued for many many years. The Jihad in Kashmir is very different and very difficult. It is different because it is a place where mujahideen have never been able to secure any land and have always relied on guerilla tactics. It is difficult because mujahideen had to rely on only one country (Pakistan) for support and when it wanted it helped and when it did not want, it did not help. Because of this, our gains were lost, every time we would put Indian army in difficulty, our supplies would be cut off and this in turn helped the Indian army. That is why there was an immediate need to free Jihad of Kashmir from these influences which used it for their own interests.

NGH: How old is the Jihad in Kashmir?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Jihad in Kashmir began in 1989, that is 30 years ago, but its foundation was laid much much earlier. The foundation of this Jihad was laid even before the formation of India. It was in

1931 when 22 muslims were martyred for the sake of Islam by the army of a Hindu king. After that there came many men who performed Jihad in their own capacity. In sha Allah, this Jihad will continue until Islam rules supreme in Kashmir.

NGH: Kashmir Jihad has mostly been seen as a nationalist movement and a proxy war between India and Pakistan. How true is this?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Not at all. As I already told you the Jihad in Kashmir is much older than the war between India and Pakistan. This Jihad has continued by the blood of Muslims of Kashmir and of those immigrant Mujahideen, even when our so- called supporters abandoned us. Our Jihad has always been for making Kashmir an Islamic state (Darul Islam) for which it is necessary to defeat the invader India.

The main motive behind the establishment of Ansar was to make it known to the youth and the Mujahideen that it is possible to exist, procure weapons and fight the kuffar even in the most difficult of situations, because it is not any individual, any organisation or any country which is driving forward this Jihad.

This Jihad exists because of the youth who believe in Allah's promises and this Jihad will continue regardless of anyone's support.

Establishing Ansar was important to convey this idea and the true call, the true message and the true meaning of Jihad.

Ansar aims to fight all idols whether they have Hindu shapes or Muslim shapes.

Ansar's message is that Jihad cannot be kept slave of anyone's interest and that Jihad is the only sword that will bring victory and glory to the Muslim Ummah.

NGH: How does Ansar plan to fight India?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Hindu is a coward nation, it is in their genes to be a coward. Why the Jihad against India has taken so long is because the Mujahideen had relied for support and guidance on those who were never sincere. The moment it changes and mujahideen realise the insincerity of those who used Jihad for their interest, this Jihad will be liberated. Defeating India is easy if we believe in victory. India is a big country and that is its biggest weakness. India will collapse like Soviets when Jihad in Kashmir reaches its different corners. They cannot defend themselves everywhere and if they do it their economy would already be crumbling on them. In sha Allah.

NGH: What was the most difficult point of time in your Jihadi journey? How did you cope up with it and move ahead?

Ameer Zakir Musa: The most difficult point of time for me was when I left Hizbul Mujahideen (a Pakistan backed organisation).

Most of my companions at that time did support my decision and were ready to step in and contribute their part of efforts in forming Ansar Ghazwatul Hind.

But later, majority of them withdrew their support and walked away when others persuaded them to do so.

I did not lose hope, and I was firm on my decision. I decided to walk on this path and stand firm until my last breath, even if I would have to walk alone.

Alhamdulillah, eventually many joined the caravan of

Haqq and this caravan shall move on and never stop, In Sha Allah!

NGH: We heard there was battle in December last year in which deputy of Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind & 4-5 Mujahideen were martyred?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Yes, May Allah accept their shahadah. All those brothers were humble and honest men. They accepted the message of Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind when they heard it even though at that time our capacities were few. But they still came in and about our deputy Ameer Rehan Khan , he would work day and night so the message of Jihad Fee sabillilah reaches every youth, every home in Kashmir. He was one of the best Mujahideen I have known. May Allah accept him and his efforts in Jihad.

NGH: Tell us about your Jihadi journey?

Ameer Zakir Musa: I have been raised in a land of Jihad and since my childhood have been brought up amongst the Mujahideen. I tried several times to join the Mujahideen but couldn't establish any

contact with them. In class 9th, my father had brought me a new phone. I sold it to give money to a person who had promised me to establish contact with the Mujahideen. But he turned out to be a fraud. Eventually during college Alhamdulillah I established contact with the Mujahideen and joined them under the command of Ghazi Sarfaraz (May Allah accept him) in 2013. After Ghazi Sarfaraz was martyred, Burhan Wani (May Allah accept him) took over the command and was my Ameer until his martyrdom.

NGH: Mujahid Burhan Wani's martyrdom also sparked an uprising in Kashmir as He was very popular among the people. Tell us about your time with him.

Ameer Zakir Musa: I spent a lot of time with Burhan Wani (May Allah accept him). He was also very pious and very sharp. It was Burhan wani who felt the need for a new organisation which would wage Jihad free of any influence of any country and for sake of establishment of Allah's shariah alone and not for anyone's wishes and desires. Ten days before Burhan Wani (May Allah accept him) was martyred he had conveyed it to several people that he has finally decided to form a new group. May Allah accept him and his great efforts to make Kashmir Jihad free and strong.

NGH: Tell us something about Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind is not simply a organisation like other organisations exists. Ansar is an organisation,

that is true, but it is also a message. The need for establishing Ansar was to tell the youth and tell the mujahideen that it is possible to exist and it is possible to have weapons and it is possible to fight even in most difficult situations because it is not any individual, any one organisation or any one country which is driving this Jihad. The Jihad exists because of the youth who believe in Allah's promises and this Jihad will continue irrespective if anyone supports it or not.

Establishing Ansar was important to convey the true call and true message and true meaning of Jihad. Ansar means to fight all idols whether in this shape or that shape, whether they have Hindu shapes or Muslim shapes. Ansar's message is that Jihad cannot be kept slave for anyone's interest, that Jihad is the only sword that will bring victory and glory to Muslims.

NGH: What are the objective of Ansar Ghazwatul Hind? Is your Jihad limited to liberation of Kashmir from Indian rule?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Ansar Ghazwatul Hind's objective is to liberate Kashmir from Indian Hindu Kufaar and make it Darul Islam and at the same time re-conquer India and also make it Darul Islam and liberate our Muslim brothers and sisters in India from oppression in sha Allah. And we firmly believe that Jihad Fee sabilillah is the only way to achieve it.

We consider our Jihad as part of the global Jihad against all forms of Tawagheet and one of the fronts of Global Jihad movement whose aim is the destruction of man made borders, change of system(to islamic) and establishment of Khilafah on the methodology of Prophethood.

NGH: Do you have contact with mujahideen elsewhere?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Mujahideen elsewhere remember us in their prayers and we remember them in our prayers.

NGH: Can Arab or Afghan or Mujahideen from other places join Ansar Ghazwatul Hind?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Any Mujahid from any part of the world can join us and be part of the blessed Jihad of Ghazwa-e-Hind. Muslims of Kashmir have always opened their hearts for the immigrant Mujahideen and will continue to do so In sha Allah.

NGH: What is your current strength?

Ameer Zakir Musa: Alhamdullilah, we are gaining strength each day and Alhamdullilah every day more and more people are understanding our message. It is important to understand that our focus right now is not merely strength of numbers. Like the armies which fight in desert and which fight in mountains have different priorities, our focus and priority is that the message of Jihad fi sabillilah and the message of Jihad free from influences of dishonest states and purely for establishment of an Islamic system, should be understood by people whose hearts are on true path. Our focus is to create such mobilisation that every youth and even elders should be

ready to sacrifice their life for sake of Islam and should also be able to kill infidels for the sake of Islam and only for the sake of Islam.

NGH: What is your message to Mujahideen?

Ameer Zakir Musa: I ask all the Mujahideen to pray for your brothers in Kashmir who are fighting in one of the most difficult Jihad, Alhamdulillah. I tell them that people of Kashmir always pray for the victory of Mujahideen everywhere. I ask them to be truthful and honest to Islam and feel the pain of ummah and every muslim and do not feel disappointed by defeats and do not lose sight of goal by small victories. Be patient and listen to the wise words and wise advices of the wise men of Jihad.